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RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
COMMUNICATING WITH A
DEVICE ATTACHED TO A
COMPUTER USING ELECTRONIC
MAIL MESSAGES

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the attachment. A clean copy of the amended claims is shown below.

Please amend claims 1, 18, 23 and 40 as follows:

--1. (Twice Amended) A method of processing messages, comprising the steps of:
receiving an electronic mail message by a computer;

determining whether the message which has been received is for a device associated with the computer by detecting a characteristic of the email, the device being a business office device including a processor;